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PFOA Update- week of 3/20/16

- **Public Water Supplies:** The Pownal Fire District 2 Supply Well was sampled on 3/16/16; results are due the end of this week. VTDEC plans to hold a public meeting to discuss the results early next week; EPA participation was discussed but was not requested. Should the PFOA results be greater than 400 ppt, VTDEC has asked whether EPA would be willing to provide treatment in the event that no responsible party comes forward with an offer to do the work. Consistent with your previous comments on the matter, I stated that Region 1 would consider the request, but we would need to consult with others before making a commitment. **Action Item:** I will reach out to Carol & OES (Audrey) to discuss how we should draft an Action Memo for a potential EPA response based on a 400 ppt PFOA level that you will confirm with OLEM-OEM (Reggie).
- **Public & Congressional Inquiries:** As mentioned previously, inquiries about PFOA activities in Vermont should be sent to the: **Informational Call Line - An informational call line for residents concerned about PFOA contamination will be available on an ongoing basis, from Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 802-828-1038.**
- **NPL & Removal Sites:** Sampling is scheduled to occur this week. OSC Tom Condon

is overseeing the sampling that is being performed by EPA contractors (Weston). The tentative schedule is: Bennington municipal landfill - Tuesday Burgess Brothers - Wednesday Kocher Drive - Wednesday Afternoon/Thursday morning Pownal Tannery - Thursday afternoon and Friday. We requested a 7 day turnaround time for the sampling results and they will be provided to VTDEC upon receipt. Copies of EPA's sampling and analysis plans have been given to VTDEC.

- **Investigation PFOA Sources:** The Site Assessment team is moving forward with its plan to retain a contractor to investigate the former Warren Wire facility in Pownal, VT and is bringing on-board another contractor to identify other PFOA use/storage or disposal locations in the Town. Meghan probably has a better update if you need more information.

- **PFOA Analysis:** OEME (Peter Philbrook) is looking to develop the capability to perform PFOA analysis at the regional lab. We will be getting a status update from OEME tomorrow (3/22/16).• **Enforcement:** In response to the inquiry from the VT Congressional delegation and at Curt's request, OES is drafting some talking points related to alleged air violations, or other enforcement actions that may help to focus our PFOA Site Discovery efforts in Vermont. James Chow will forward a copy of the talking points when they are sent to Curt.

- **PFOA Roadmap:** EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) is drafting a roadmap to ensure consistency with respect to PFOA investigations and response. Lynne Jennings is coordinating Region 1's review of the document. Both Meghan and I are planning to provide comments on the roadmap, which in its current form doesn't provide much guidance regarding situations on when EPA should use its removal authority to provide alternative drinking water and/or treatment. This issue may ultimately be addressed by the action item described above.

- **Governors Letter:** EPA's Office of Groundwater & Drinking Water has been assigned the lead to draft a response to the 3/10/16 letter from the Governors of NH, NY, and VT requesting a PFOA standard and assistance with their efforts to address PFOA contamination. Region 1 (Jane Downing) submitted OSRR's comments on the draft letter earlier today and it is now being routed for HQ review.

- **Pease:** The response that Mike Daly drafted on behalf of the email Curt received regarding EPA's new health advisory number has been reviewed by HQ and can be sent if it hasn't already.

- **Merrimack, NH:** At the request of the NHDES Commissioner, EPA's Office of Groundwater & Drinking Water (OGWDW) coordinated a call with Region 1 and NHDES on 3/18/16 to discuss the results of recent well sampling in Merrimack, NH. The following are highlights from the call:

- o NHDES tested 12 private well and 3 public wells around the St. Gobain facility in Merrimack;

- Public drinking water well results: 17, 53 and 90 ppt – the highest level 90 ppt was in a backup well;
- Three private were above 100 ppt; two servicing home at 820 ppt and 190 ; a well servicing a horse barn at 350 ppt;
- In an abundance of caution NH DES will be providing bottled water to the two homes above 100 ppt;
- NH wanted reassurance that EPA Region 1 and OW supports their approach and communication about 100 ppt; EPA agreed that their approach was reasonable;
- In the short-term NH will be providing water, but plans to follow up w/ potential responsible party at a later date;
- OGWDW confirmed that the PFOA lifetime health advisory will be announced in Spring 2016 and that it will be shared with the States before it's more broadly made public; and
- NH wanted to understand the difference between the life time health advisory that will be released this Spring and the current short term level that is used at Pease. After the call OGWDE provided information that defined short term as “weeks to months”

Leadership Development Program (PFOA Mapping): The PFOA Mapping Team (Lynne Jennings is the management POC) provided an update today on the status of their project, which is intended to help identify potential sources of polytetrafluoroethylene chemicals, specifically PFOA/PFOS to drinking water systems in Region 1. During the update, we discussed reaching out to NH for some informal feedback on the team's current approach. After sharing the idea with Bryan, we reported back to the group that while reaching out to NH is a good idea, any contact with NH on this should wait two weeks until the team has its next, interim deliverable ready and we have talked further internally before reaching out to Mike Wimsatt and others. **Action Item:** The PFOA mapping team will schedule a meeting to brief senior management on the status of their project in preparation for informal outreach to NHDES. Note this meeting has tentatively been scheduled for April 6th.

Other: PFOAs are being discussed at this week's meeting with State Drinking Water Administrators that Jane is attending. NEWMOA is interested in doing a presentation about PFCs sometime in May.

